

NEW FOREST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

on

Vital Statistics and Sanitary Condition

of the

New Forest Rural District

for the YEAR 1940

Submitted to the Rural District Council

by

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NEW FOREST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Medical Officer's Report  
for 1940

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report on the sanitary condition of the New Forest Rural District for the year ending December 31st, 1940.

As suggested by the Ministry of Health, Circular 2067, it is again an interim report, and only deals with essential and urgent matters.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in Acres)	94,957
Estimate of resident population	38,100
Estimated number of inhabited houses. (end of 1940)	11,488
Rateable Value	£245,585
Sum represented by a penny rate	£961.0.8

Extract from Vital Statistics of the Year.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Legitimate	653	333	320	Birth rate per 1,000 of the
Illegitimate	24	16	8	estimated resident population
				17.76
<u>Stillbirths</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	Rate per 1,000 total (live and
				still) births
				32.85
<u>Deaths</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>225</u>	Death rate per 1,000 of the
				estimated resident population
				12.67
				Corrected 12.42

Birth rate for England and Wales 14.6

Death rate for England and Wales 14.3

Deaths from Puerperal causes.

Puerperal sepsis	0
Other puerperal	
diseases:	1

Total..... 1

Death rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 1.42  
Death rate of Infants under on year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births 48.31  
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births 45.59  
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births 120.00

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 66  
Deaths from Measles " " 0  
Deaths from Whooping Cough " " 0  
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES  
FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

G. Habgood, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health (Part-Time).

Sanitary Inspectors.

O.E. Brown, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Senior Sanitary Inspector (Re-entered the Royal Navy, May, 1940)

W.B. Prior, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Sanitary Inspector (Acting Senior Sanitary Inspector since May, 1940)

W.F. Weller, A.R.S.I., Temporary Additional Sanitary Inspector (Appointed September, 1940)

E.H.J. Clarke, Salvage Officer (Appointed November, 1940).

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Ante-natal clinics have been provided by the County Council at Totton and Lyndhurst.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres at:-

Brockenhurst	Marchwood
Copythorne	Totton
East Boldre	Hythe
Fawley	Lyndhurst

Consultation only at these centres. They are supported by voluntary contributions, with help from the County Council.

Day Nurseries. )	
School clinics. )	These services are under the
Orthopaedic )	control of the County Council.
Artificial light.)	

Tuberculosis Dispensaries - Totton: 77, Rumbridge Street, Totton, provided by the Council Council.

Venereal Clinic - Outside the District in Southampton, provided by the County Council.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.

26 samples were taken during the year, 17 were found to be fit, and 9 unfit.

In two instances the supplies were made fit either by connection to the main water supply, or by improvement to the existing wells. In two cases satisfactory alternative supplies were available.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Summary of Inspections made.

Nature of inspection	number made
Infectious Diseases.	218
Nuisances.	672
Water Supply.	93
Housing.	311
Verminous Premises.	22
Slaughterhouses.	643
Retail Meat and Food Shops.	625
Meat at Cottage premises.	68
Fishmongers and Poulterers.	186
Milk and Dairies.	244
Factories.	93
Milk Samples	12
Smoke Observations.	26
Moveable Dwellings.	39
Refuse Collection.	164
Refuse Disposal.	98
Schools.	15
Rats and Mice.	47
Miscellaneous.	113
Total ... ... ...	<u>3,689</u>

FACTORIES.

Inspections.

Premises.	Number of		
	inspections	Written Notices	Occ'p'rs Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	42	1	Nil
Factories without mechanical power	51	3	Nil
Total.....	93	4	Nil

Defects found.

Particulars.	Number of defects			Defects entailing prosecution
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary convenience :-				
Insufficient	-	-	-	-
Unsuitable or defective	4	1	-	-
Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-
Total .....	5	5	-	-

MILK: DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

No of Registered Cowkeepers.	318
No of Retailers who are not producers in the district.	15
No of "Tuberculin Tested" Producers.	13
No of "Accredited" Producers.	23

Inspections made

No.	Defects found		Remedied	Defects outstanding
	from 1939	1940		
244	10	58	65	3

MEAT AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

No of inspections to Slaughterhouses, Butchers Shops, etc.	
	1268
No of Animals inspected	1499

THE UNDERMENTIONED MEAT WAS CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

BOVINES.

1001	lbs of Beef	Bone taint and decomposition
18	lbs of Kidney and Kidney fat	Decomposition
56	lbs of Beef	Severe and Extensive Bruising
Heart and Lungs	" "	Tuberculosis 1
" "	" "	Abscesses 1
Liver		Angioma 1

SHEEP.

Carcase and Organs	Dropsey	3
Heads	Decomposition	29
Plucks	"	29
44 lbs imported mutton	"	

PIGS.

Heads and Tongues	Tuberculosis	2
Plucks	"	3
Liver	Hepatitis	1
"	Cirrhosis	1
Head and Tongue	Decomposition	1
Spleens and omentums	"	4
Shoulder	Injury.	

MISCELLANEOUS.

30 lbs	Decomposition.
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SALVAGE.

The following salvage was collected and disposed of by the Council and Voluntary Organisations:-

Articles	Tons	cwts	lbs	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	112	10	19	330	7	4
Ferrous and non-ferrous metals	43	9	13	97	11	2
Textiles	3	13	48	20	11	5
Jars and Bottles		1,574 doz.		25	5	6
Miscellaneous		2	60		11	4
Pig Swill	35	1	56	31	16	6
Bones	1	0	0	2	9	9
Total.....	195	17	110	£508	13	0

THE PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASES.

During the year under revision, there has been no serious epidemic. Measles and Whooping Cough became prevalent during the Autumn.

17 Cases of Diphtheria were notified, 13 amongst the civil population, only one of these had received immunising treatment, a girl who was in close contact with her mother, who was found to be a carrier.

23 Cases of Scarlet Fever.

1 Case of Para-Typhoid "B", the infection had taken place outside the district.

9 Cases of Cerebro-Spinal Fever amongst the civil population, with one death, a child of 5 months.

2 Cases of Anterior-polio-myelitis.

19 Cases of Pneumonia

No case of Malaria or Dysentery.

6 Deaths were attributed to Influenza.

Artificial Immunisation against Diphtheria.

During 1940, 252 children were immunised, a very small response.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year, 1940.

Disease:	Total cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths
Enteric.	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever.	23	8	-
Diphtheria.	17	16	-
Erysipelas.	4	1	-
Pneumonia.	19	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	5	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	9	9	1
Anterior-polio-myelitis.	2	2	-
Whooping Cough.	68	-	-
Measles	262	-	-
Total.....	410	37	1

Hospital Accommodation.

Emergency Hospitals were opened as follows:-

Langley House, Totton.	Infectious Diseases	21 beds
Setley House, Brockenhurst.	Minor " "	24 beds.
"Bench View", Lyndhurst.	Sick Bay	Sleeping accommodation for 40 children.

Considerable use has been made of all premises, particularly Setley House and Bench View.

TUBERCULOSIS.New Cases and Mortality  
during 1940.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1
15	3	5	1	-	2	3	-	1
25	3	2	-	-	1	1	-	-
35	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
45	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
55	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total,....	17	10	2	1	10	4	1	2

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. HABGOOD.

Medical Officer of Health.